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1. Chief Staff told me only confirmed reports today are: Rebels bombed Cuartels Guatemala City last night midnight and 0730 this morning with unknown results. Rebel destroyed Los Amates bridge Iron railroad between Barrios and capital. 90 percent Guatemalan Air Force pilots declared in favor rebels some pilots tried unsuccessfully escape with aircraft. Rebels alleged have complete air superiority.

2. Sub-Minister Defense said today Salvador sent 200 National Guard troops frontier last night for border vigilance only. No army units will move unless situation requires. Salvador will maintain appearance strict neutrality. Would permit any fleeing rebels but not fleeing government forces cross border. Sub-Minister expressed full confidence in final rebel victory. Doubted if Guatemalan Army would seriously oppose rebels.

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